

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the captioned application. Claims 8-18 are withdrawn as belong to a non-elected group while claims 1-7 and 19 are under examination. Applicants hereby amend claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 15 and 19 and cancel claims 4, 8-14 and 18. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the amendments and the following arguments.

Applicants hereby amend the specification as suggested by the Examiner, adding the heading for the brief description of the drawings section. Applicants therefore submit that the objection to the specification should now be withdrawn.

Applicants have also amended claim 7 to replace the period within the claim with a semicolon. Objection of claim 7 should now be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 5 are found allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2 and 19 to include the limitation of claim 4 in each of these claims. Applicants submit that as such these claims are now allowable. Claims 3, 5 and 6 are dependent claims which are also allowable. Further, claim 7 is not rejected in the current Office action. Applicants submit that claim 7 is therefore allowable.

Applicants also amend the non-elected method claim 15 to include the limitation of claim 18. Applicants submit that the amended claim 15 is now allowable

as it includes all the limitations of the product claim 1. Claims 16 and 17 are dependent claims should therefore also be allowable.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of the claims 1-3, 5-7, 15-17 and 19.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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